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4700 River Road
Riverdale, MD
20737

Bryon Frye
203 Sams Road
Taylorsville, NC 28681

**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT**

Dear Mr. Frye:

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) enforces the Horse Protection Act (HPA) (15 U.S.C. § 1821 et seq.) and its implementing regulations. The HPA prohibits horses that are "sore" from participating in auctions, exhibitions, sales, or shows. The HPA also prohibits the transportation of horses that are "sore" to or from these events. Violations of the HPA jeopardize APHIS efforts to eliminate soring in horses.

APHIS is issuing the enclosed APHIS Form 7060, "Official Warning, Violation of Federal Regulations" to notify you of the [alleged] HPA violations documented in case number TN10068-AC.

The HPA authorizes the imposition of civil penalties up to \$2,200. This is to notify you that APHIS is hereby holding in abeyance the penalties that it may impose in connection with the above-described violations, provided that you comply with applicable APHIS laws and regulations in the future. If you again violate APHIS laws and regulations, APHIS may, if warranted, seek criminal penalties or the assessment of the civil penalties held in abeyance in addition to any penalties that may be warranted for any future violations.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, you may contact our office at (301) 734-8684.

Sincerely,

Fo(Bernadette Juarez
Deputy Director
Investigative and Enforcement Services

Enclosure



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

OFFICIAL WARNING
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS



CASE NO.

TN10068-AC

VIOLATOR

Bryon Frye

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

**203 Sams Road
Taylorsville, NC 28681**

The Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about June 20, 2009, you or your organization committed the following violation of Federal law:

Entered for the purpose of showing or exhibiting, the horse "Keepin the Cash," at the 40th Annual East Tennessee Walking Horse Classic in White Pine, TN, which was found sore.

The Horse Protection Act prohibits the following conduct:

15 U.S.C. § 1824(2) – Unlawful acts

"The (A) showing or exhibiting, in any horse show or horse exhibition, of any horse which is sore, (B) entering for the purpose of showing or exhibiting in any horse show or horse exhibition, any horse which is sore, (C) selling, auctioning, or offering for sale, in any horse sale or auction, any horse which is sore, and (D) allowing any activity described in clause (A), (B), or (C) respecting a horse which is sore by the owner of such horse."

9 CFR § 11.3 Scar rule.

The scar rule applies to all horses born on or after October 1, 1975. Horses subject to this rule that do not meet